

What is Presumptuousness

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1. Introduction

This is an important action that regularly takes place in the minds of men. It is extremely common with various degrees of intensity and never really reflected upon or considered with the repercussions that accompany it. Being presumptuous is when man takes the position that he is completely right and others are wrong. It is when he does not even take the time to check or even consider the possibility that he might be wrong and others are right. With this trait man is so self centered **with pride** that has worked its way into his mind and taken over reason. This is extremely dangerous when it comes to the understanding of God's word and walking on the very narrow path. It is extremely dangerous when man thinks his salvation is a certainty.

Being presumptuous with respect to God's word is a major sin. Consider the following verse.

Psa 19:13 Keep back thy servant also from **presumptuous sins**; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from **the great transgression**.

Note, first being presumptuous is a **great transgression**. It is a major sin in being proud, in being arrogant. It is a sin of the heart, it was the sin of Job. It is a major sin that is very difficult for man to first identify and second to overcome and correct.

Note the scripture given below, that follows the scripture above. The focus is upon correct or acceptable meditation of one's heart or mind. It is man having acceptable thinking and attitude.

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the **meditation of my heart**, be **acceptable** in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

2. Man's best intents go astray

If you look around in the world you will see major people that preach falsehoods from the Bible. This occurred in the past and also occurs in today's time. It is extremely prevalent. Many of those that do this **truly** believe that they found the truth from God's word and try and inform others of what they believe as the truth. Those that are conscientious and genuine are doing their best to try and inform others. This comment is not directed to others that are motivated by building a following and making money by preaching what others want to hear, and there are many more of these.

What this should tell one is that no matter how hard one tries to find the truth in God's word, it is easy for all of us to go astray. It is so easy for man to arrive at an understanding in the Bible that is wrong. It means that these people have missed identifying scripture that says things to them that are different from what the scriptures are really saying. So, how can we prevent this sin ? What steps can we take ?

First, we need to recognize that the only Will that is important is God's Will, not our will. This means reign in our ego and submit wholly to God. Do what Yeshua told us, be humble, meek, loving, serving and forgiving. It is an action of controlling our **attitude**, an action of the heart. We need to walk forward always having a question in our mind – "**did I miss something, did I get something wrong ?**". We must never be presumptuous and think only ourselves are right. We must check carefully what others say, using only God's word. We must walk always being hopeful that Yeshua will find us acceptable. We must **always pray and ask the LORD** to correct us if we have anything wrong. Again, it is only God's Will that is important. If we find we had something wrong, then we need to go back and correct it, then go forward with the new correct understanding and thank the LORD for opening this new understanding to us.

Our way forward is the first command given to us from Yeshua, to live by every word of God. This is often taken by most as Mat 4:4, but it is in reality Yeshua quoting Deu 8:3. Only the Old testament existed at the time of Yeshua walking as a man on the world. If you know how to think, this tells one the complete Bible, both Old and New Testaments are all together the world of God and apply equally today as when they were first given. Further understanding is that the Holy Bible is truth. It is God's word given to man as the words to write down dictated by the Holy Spirit. This belief is the core foundation of our Christian faith. accepting what is given in scripture as truth of God. All scripture is given for a reason, the words mean what they say and are understood by using Strong's Numbers. It is not up to man to twist, alter, distort or ignore that scripture says, the words were specifically chosen by the Holy Spirit.

In order to live by every word of God, means to **continually** read the complete Bible through from cover to cover. Providing one walks in total obedience to God's commands and one does this with prayer, using an open mind, no preconceived ideas, and reading in proper context. Then each time more and more scripture will be opened into one's mind. This results in a **continuous learning** and understanding of God's word. Note that just opening the Bible randomly and reading a few scriptures is not living by every word of God. Living by every word of God requires spending a set time reading scripture every day, it requires commitment and perseverance.

If someone tells you that the Bible says something that they cannot back up by scripture, then it can be ignored and treated as false. If they use scripture, then it is a requirement for you to examine that scripture carefully in proper context as well as gathering other scriptures that address the same theme. Understand that one must use logic as all scripture is logical. Also one must look for clues, recognize them and use them. Scriptures are full of clues.

Never think that one is righteous in God's eyes, our righteousness always falls far short of what God requires. Never think that God owes us a good life, God needs no reason to either bless us or curse us, He can test us at any time He so wishes. Never think you are walking in a manner that you are saved, rather always walk with hope that you will be found acceptable by Yeshua when He judges you. Always watch and evaluate how you walk, always trying your best to walk as God requires of us.

If one walks thinking they have everything right, both the big and all small things that are commanded , then you set yourself up for the sin of presumptuousness. One should always question if in their walk that they have missed something or misunderstood something and are not walking totally correctly. Understand we need God's help to walk in a manner that is acceptable to Him. Always walk with prayer asking God to direct our steps.

One needs to always walk in a manner whereby they continue to mature as one of God's adopted son's and daughter's. That is the reason God gave us life. In order to do this we need to truly live by every word of God, continually.

3. Where do we find presumptuousness today

First it is totally prevalent through all the 6 mainstream Churches of Today as well as to some degree in the 7th or remnant Church. Both the pastors and the congregations are ones that walk with this terrible attitude. As a result of going to Bible college pastors think they are then authority on God's word and anyone that thinks different to them or questions them is wrong. For the most part the congregations follow the pastors, who follow church doctrine and the congregations believe the pastors are an authority and have told them the truth. So, who are they to question the pastors. Often the congregations are too lazy to study Gods word and carefully evaluate it for themselves.

The congregations are told once saved always saved, which contravenes what scripture tells us. Another falsehood that congregations are told is that Yeshua completed the Torah and now man does not need to do anything, now he as freedom to walk as he so pleases. A third falsehood is that they are told that the Feasts of the LORD are done away with and no longer apply. A fourth falsehood is that Sunday is the new Sabbath. A fifth falsehood is that the Old Testament no longer applies as it is replaced by the New Testament and that the New Testament was written to the Gentiles. A fifth falsehood is that they are told is that the Churches of today are the

Saints and Yeshua is coming to collect them. The Bible has scripture that is clear in identifying all of these falsehoods. They are all wrong.

If those that follow and believe the falsehoods stated above disregard them without checking Scripture, they are displaying presumptuousness. Yes, their reaction is to scoff and disregard what anyone says that goes against what they believe or have been taught. The Bible tells us in the end times, today's time, Christians will be scoffers, they will be walking as in the times of Noah, they will be caught up in believing and walking in deception and that they will be ever learning and never be able to come to understanding the truth. The truth of God is the Torah. These 4 prophecies are given describing Christians in the end times, the times of today.

4. Summary

As one reads scripture, always look for any scripture that says something different from what you previously learned and follow. If you find something you must spend time to resolve it. Always walk forward in being open and ready for correction.

We need to walk in a manner of being hopeful that we will be found acceptable by Yeshua. Never be presumptuous with respect to salvation and judgment. We need to walk forward having a proper attitude in the mind or heart. Always keep an open mind and be ready to check and see if you have missed something or have gained an incorrect understanding. With man this is so easy for all of us to gain a wrong understanding, no matter how careful we try to understand. This means, normally all of us will continually be correcting our understanding as we mature and learn in our way of going forward. In order to reduce our errors on understanding we must always try to be careful and thorough in our studies.

We are to live by every word of God and there is a way in which we need to follow in order to satisfy this command. We need to read scripture as seen through the eyes of the Israelites and Jews and how it related to their society at the time it was written. God's word was not written to the Gentiles, it was written by Jews to Jews. It does apply to all that **hear, obey and follow Yeshua**. All scripture addressing the same theme must be gathered and studied together. One must read without preconceived ideas, read with an open mind. One must reason with logic as God's word is totally logical. One must use Strong's Numbers as your word dictionary. What Yeshua says always takes precedence over what you think others say.

Pray and always ask the LORD to direct our paths, to help us to understand and grow properly and to correct us if we have some wrong understanding. It is only God's will that is important, not ours. The only doctrine we are to follow is the complete Bible itself. Always watch out for the pride of life and always suppress your ego and walk in submission as a servant of God.

Ask yourself, do you **truly** follow Yeshua ? Or do you follow the way of the world ? The two ways are totally opposite. If you follow the way of the world, you keep Easter and Christmas and for most Sunday, these are traditions of man. If you follow Yeshua and our Heavenly Father, you keep Passover and all the Feasts of the LORD according to the days and times in the Ordinances given by God. The Saturday Sabbath is one of these Feasts. You also keep the Torah as best as can be done in today's time. This was a direct command from Yeshua, Mat 5:18.

Be extremely careful that one never becomes presumptuous in their walk. Always watch and evaluate yourself and be ready to carefully check and reflect upon scripture on any topic when questioned. The pride of life can slip in unnoticed so easily, always be on guard against this occurring. If you walk as Yeshua has told us, being humble, meek, serving, loving and forgiving, then the pride of life will not be able to take hold on you.

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